GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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FALLOW LAND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total land lying uncultivated or fallow, State-wise;

(b) whether use of agricultural land for non-agricultural purpose is increasing;

(c) if so, the actual agriculture land used for non-agriculture purpose during last three years;

(d) if so, whether this is likely to reduce the cultivated area of land;

(e) if so, the remedial steps taken to make the land worth cultivable; and

(f) the funds allocated for the purpose by the Union Government? A N S W E R

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) A statement showing state-wise area under fallow land is annexed.

(b) to (d) Yes sir. It is true that some amount of good lands are also used for non- agriculture purposes such as urbanization, industrialization and communication etc. During 1993-94 to 1995-96 an area of about 0.57 m.ha. has been used for the above purposes. However, this trend did not adversely affect the net sown area of the country, which remained at about 142.0 m.ha. during the corresponding period.

(e) & (f) The Department of Agriculture is implementing various central/centrallysponsored schemes to improve productivity of degraded lands. These schemes are:
1. National Land Use Board (NLCB) and assistance to State Land Use Boards (SLUB)
2. National Watershed Development Programme in Rainfed areas (NWDPRA)
3. Soil Conservation in the catchments of River Valley Projects and Flood Prone Rivers (RVP/FPR)
4. Reclamation of Alkali Soils (RAS)
5. Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSCA)
6. Reclamation and Development of Alkali Soils with EEC assistance.
During 2000-2001, a sum of about Rs.400.0 crores has been proposed for the effective implementation of these schemes in different States of the country.

Statement showing Statewise area under fallow land during 1996-97

(Area in thousand ha.)

S.No.	States/UTs	Area
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3990
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	64
3.	Assam	183
4.	Bihar	2857

5. Gujarat 783
6. Haryana 137

7 Himachal Pradesh 78

8. Jammu & Kashmir 105

9. Karnataka 1535
10. Kerala 85
11. Madhya Pradesh 1492
12. Maharashtra 2175
13. Manipur
14. Meghalaya 234
15. Mizoram 163
16. Nagaland 190
17. Orissa 788
18. Punjab 75
19. Rajasthan 3847
20. Sikkim 13
21. Tamil Nadu 2257
22. Tripura 5
23. Uttar Pradesh 1899
24. West Bengal 241
25. Goa (m)
26. A & N Islands 4
27. Chandigarh 1
28. Dadra & Nagar Haveli 1
29. Delhi 8
30. Daman & Diu (m)
31. Lakshadweep
32. Pondicherry 5
33. D.V.C.
34. Head Quarter

TOTAL 23215

(m) - not available separately/(Statewise area)